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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TSPA

SUBJECT: NASA STATION ISSUE

REF: (A) TANANARIVE 0355, (B) STATE 026243

1. USG IS NOT REPEAT NOT PREPARED OR WILLING TO ABANDON ALL NASA EQUIPMENT EVEN IF IT HAS DETERIORATED SIGNIFICANTLY. ALL NASA STATION EQUIPMENT IS USG PROPERTY WHICH IS BEING HELD ILLEGALLY BY GDRM AND BY RIGHT SHOULD BE RETURNED TO USG CUSTODY.

2. LATEST SOLOFOSON PROPOSAL SEEMS INCOMPATIBLE WITH PREVIOUS STATEMENT DESIRING IMPROVEMENT IN U.S./GDRM RELATIONS. PROPOSAL FOR ABANDONMENT WOULD CREATE ONE-SIDED SETTLEMENT WITH NO USG BENEFIT.
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3. THE USG PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN REF B IS CONSIDERED MOST GENEROUS IN LIGHT OF CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE ACCRUED BY NASA IN ALTERNATIVE OPERATIONS CAUSED BY UNWARRANTED SEIZURE OF STATION BY GDRM IN 1974 AND SUBSEQUENT REFUSALS FOR ACCESS AND/OR SETTLEMENT.

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4. NASA AND DEPARTMENT CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THERE IS NO LEGAL OBLIGATION OR AGREEMENT FOR ANY USG PAYMENT TO GDRM AND THAT ALL STATION EQUIPMENT IS USG PROPERTY.

5. POST REQUESTED TO INFORM SOLOFOSON OF ABOVE AND REITERATE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED REF B AS USG POSITION.
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